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LB 116, 479, 504, 514, 529, 538, 601  
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**SPEAKER BARRETT:** LB 504 is advanced. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

**CLERK:** Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 479 and recommend that same be placed on Select File; 514, 601, 603, 529, 538, Mr. President, all of those reported to Select File, all have Enrollment and Review amendments attached. (See pages 1441-44 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. An announcement at this point. The Chair is in agreement with holding over LB 283, 726, and 726A, and 375 momentarily, and removing again for a short while 488 from the agenda. This would move us then to LB 116. Because of the hour of the day and the meaningfulness of this particular bill, we have an agreement between the opponents and the proponents to at least consider the committee amendments at this time on LB 116. I would ask the body's indulgence to consider the committee amendments, at which time we will then adjourn for the day. If there is no objection, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, 116 introduced by Senators Morehead, Rogers, Smith, Schmit, Rupp, Ashford, Remmers, Rod Johnson, and Hartnett. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 8, referred to the Health Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are committee amendments pending by the Health and Human Services Committee.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Senator Wesely, would you handle the committee amendments, please.

**SENATOR WESELY:** Okay, thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, LB 116 is a follow-up to legislation that was passed last year which allowed optometrists to utilize drops for not only diagnostic but also therapeutic uses. That bill was passed last year. An Attorney General's Opinion stopped implementation of the legislation and, in fact, has stopped generally the implementation of optometry licensure because the concerns about the language last year in identifying educational requirements called for in the bill in order to provide for the use of these drops. In addition, there was a grandfather clause provided in last year's bill that caused concern with the Attorney General. This bill, LB 116, was then introduced by Senator Morehead and a number of other senators to rectify the situation and deal with the Attorney General's Opinion. The committee amendments